GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SCS/STS/OBCS ON SELECTION COMMITTEES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include SC/ST Members on all the Selection Committees/Boards which undertake searching, shortlisting, recommending, empanelling, selecting and recruiting process of persons for the posts at the level of Board of Directors, Managing Directors/Chairmen of Public Sector Enterprises, Statutory/Autonomous Organizations, Corporation and other senior posts/positions at the level of Joint Secretary;

(b) if so, the details of structural/constitutional changes brought in the existing instructions/systems regarding composition of the said Selection Boards/Committees for facilitating inclusion of SC/ST persons on them;

(c) the number of persons appointed to the above referred posts during the last three years under his Ministry; and

(d) the number of SCs/STs among them and their percentage?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) However, in so far as Board level appointments in PSUs are concerned, there are various selection/Search Committees.In the case of full time Directors, which constitute a major part of the Board, the Selection is normally made by the PESB, which is under the administrative charge of DOPT. In some cases the administrative Ministry concerned also set Search Committee/Selection Committee for selection of CMDs.The selection and appointment of official part-time Directors on the Boards of PSUs are made by the concerned administrative Ministry on ex-officio basis. As far as non-official part-time Directors are concerned, there are two procedures, namely
(i) through Search Committee consisting of Chairman (PESB), Secretary(DPE), Secretary of the administrative Ministry/Department concerned and four non-official Members for Navratna/Miniratna PSEs and
(ii) through a selection procedure involving joint consultation between administrative Ministry, DPE and PESB in respect of other PSEs.

(c) & (d): Does not arise, in view of at (a) above.